(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether only one agency has received 19 to 27 per cent of the grant under the scheme, during the last two years, despite the agency violating the scheme norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes Sir. due to steep increase in BE from Rs. 50.00 lakhs in 1998-99 to Rs. 500.00 lakhs in 2000-2001 and Rs. 930.00 lakhs in 2001-2002, the full BE could not be utilized mainly for reasons:

— The expected revision of the scheme in the Ninth Plan did not take place and also because the scheme has limited scope covering school and non-formal education only.

— More Non-governmental Organizations with proven track record could not be involved in the scheme. There is a ceiling of Rs. 5.00 lakhs per project. Therefore, bigger projects could not be covered.

(c) No, Sir.

Budget estimate for scholarship

3198. DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 73 per cent of Plan BE sanctioned for scholarships, was not utilised in 2000-2001 and the non-utilisation rate of Plan BE was higher in 2001-2002;

(b) if so, what are the year-wise and programme-wise physical targets which could not be met;

(c) whether the Department has conducted any review meeting to minimise non-utilisation of funds for scholarships; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the National Scholarship Scheme 38,000 scholarships

and under the Scholarship Scheme for Talented Children from Rural Areas 43,000 scholarships are given every year. As the schemes are fully implemented by the State Governments, the expenditure under them depend upon action taken by the States.

(c) and (d) The non-utilisation of grant is discussed in meetings held with State Education Secretaries from time to time. A Review Committee appointed by the Government has also examined this matter. Revision of the schemes in the Tenth Five Year Plan is under consideration so as to make them more attractive.

Women welfare scheme in West Bengal

3199. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central schemes for women's welfare are in operation in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds or any other assistance sanctioned for these schemes;

(d) whether the schemes are being monitored through N.G.Os and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are receiving utilisation certificates from the monitoring agencies regularly and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.